

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert a cross-reference to the international application.

The claims have been amended to avoid their improper multiple dependency. In doing so, claim 8 has been amended to depend from any one of claims 1 to 7. The subsequent references to "... as defined in claim 1" in claim 8 have been omitted, to avoid the improper multiple dependency (i.e. a multiple dependent claim cannot include dependency on more than one previous claim), and also as being unnecessary since all of the definitions are recited in the claims on which claim 8 depends. Similar considerations apply to the amendments to claims 12, 15 and 18.

Claim 17 has been amended to make the same correction as in claim 17 attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report. Applicants also note that the amended definition for R_6 and R_7 in claim 17 is consistent with lines 3-4 below formula (II) in claim 1, indicating that $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-$ can be substituted with benzyl.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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3. A process according to claim 2 comprising an embodiment wherein R_1 is 1-methoxyprop-3-yloxy and R_2 is methoxy.

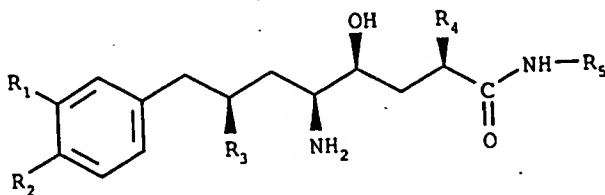
4. A process according to claim 2 comprising an embodiment wherein R_3 and R_4 are in each case isopropyl.

5. A process according to claim 2 comprising an embodiment wherein R_5 is $H_2NC(O)-C_1-C_6$ alkyl.

6. A process according to claim 1 comprising an embodiment wherein R_1 is methoxy- C_2-C_4 alkyloxy, R_2 is methoxy or ethoxy, R_3 is C_2-C_4 alkyl, R_4 is C_2-C_4 alkyl and R_5 is $H_2NC(O)-C_1-C_6$ alkyl.

7. A process according to claim 1 comprising an embodiment wherein R_1 is 3-methoxy-prop-3-yloxy, R_2 is methoxy, R_3 and R_4 are 1-methyleth-1-yl, and R_5 is $H_2NC(O)-[C(CH_3)_2]-CH_2-$.

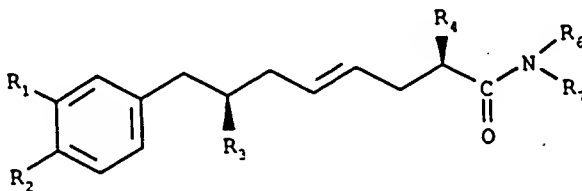
8. A process according to ^{any one of} claims 1 to 7 comprising the preparation of diastereomers of formula Ia



(Ia),

~~wherein R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 and R_5 are as defined in claim 1, by~~

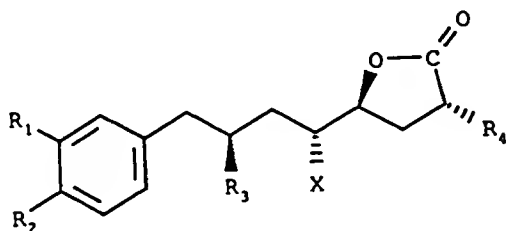
a) the reaction of a compound of formula IIa



(IIa),

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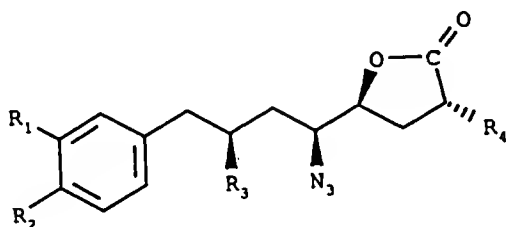
~~R₃ and R₄ are as defined in claim 1,~~ with a halogenation agent in the presence of water and if necessary an acid to form a compound of formula IIIa,



(IIIa),

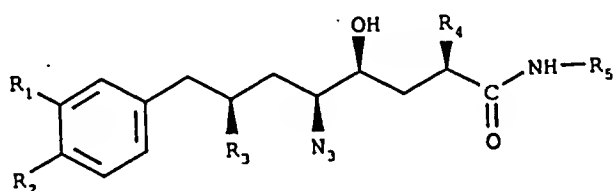
wherein X is Cl, Br or I,

b) reaction of the compound of formula IIIa with an azidation agent to form a compound of formula IVa,



(IVa),

c) then reaction of the compound of formula IVa with an amine of formula R₅-NH₂ to form a compound of formula Va,



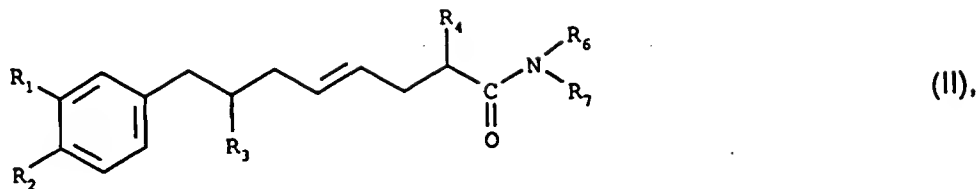
(Va),

and

d) for preparation of a compound of formula I, reduction of the azide group of the compound of formula Va to form the amine group and then isolation of the compounds of formula Ia, if necessary with the addition of a salt-forming acid.

9. A process according to claim 8, comprising an embodiment wherein R₁ is CH₃O-(CH₂)₃-O-, R₂ is CH₃O-, R₃ and R₄ are in each case 1-methylethyl, and R₅ is -CH₂-(CCH₃)₂-C(O)-NH₂.

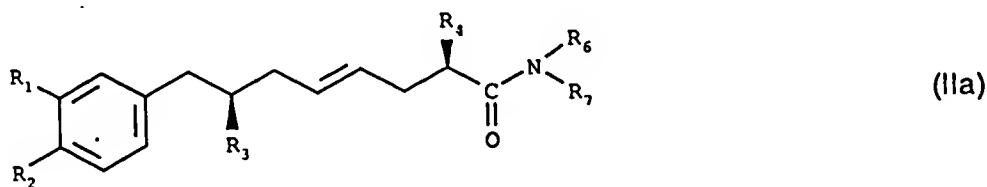
10. Compounds of formula II



wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_6 and R_7 are as defined in claim 1.

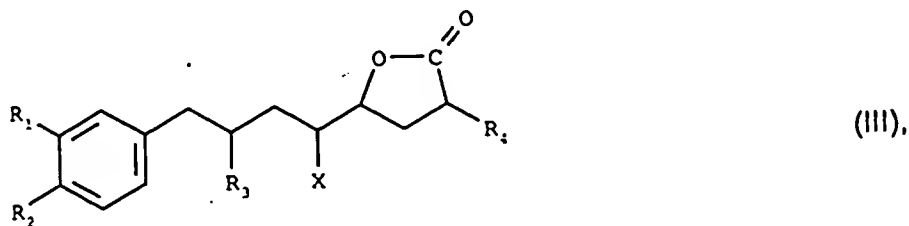
11. Compounds according to claim 10, comprising an embodiment wherein R_1 is 1-methoxyprop-3-yloxy, R_2 is methoxy, R_3 and R_4 are isopropyl and R_6 is methyl or ethyl, R_7 is methyl, ethyl or methoxy, or R_6 and R_7 together are tetramethylene, pentamethylene or $-CH(CH_2C_6H_5)CH_2-O-C(O)-$.

12. Compounds according to claims 10 and 11, comprising an embodiment that corresponds to formula IIa



wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_6 and R_7 are as defined in claim 1.

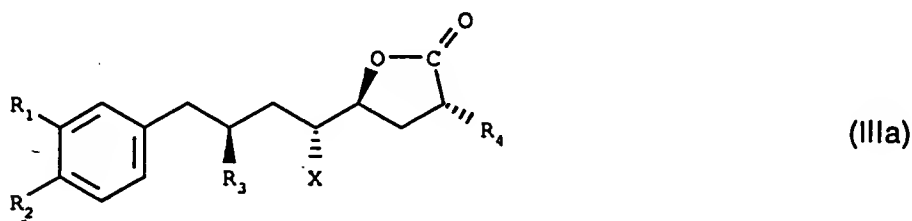
13. Compounds of formula III



wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , and X are as defined in claim 1.

14. Compounds according to claim 13 comprising an embodiment wherein R_1 is 1-methoxyprop-3-yloxy, R_2 is methoxy, R_3 and R_4 are isopropyl and X is Cl, Br or I.

15. Compounds according to claim 14, comprising an embodiment that corresponds to formula IIIa



~~wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , and X are as defined in claim 1.~~

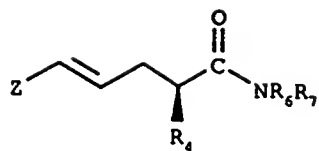
16. Compounds of formula VII in the form of their racemates or enantiomers



wherein R_4 , R_6 and R_7 are as defined in claim 1, and Z is Cl, Br or I.

17. Compounds according to claim 16, comprising an embodiment wherein R_4 is 1-methyl ethyl, Z is Cl, and R_6 is methyl or ethyl, R_7 is methyl, ethyl or methoxy, or R_6 and R_7 together are tetramethylene, pentamethylene or
 $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\overset{\text{CO}}{\underset{\text{X}}{\text{C}}}-$

18. Compounds according to claim 16, comprising an embodiment that corresponds to formula VIIa



(VIIa),

wherein R₄, R₆ and R₇ are as defined in claim 1, and Z is Cl, Br or I.

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